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SINGAPORE SCHEME ABANDONED. LABOUR GOVERNMENT'S DECISION. INTERNATIONAL POLICY FIRST CONSIDERATION. BRITAIN'S "BOLD MOVE TOWARDS ENDURING PEACE."

London, March 18.

In the House of Commons, during his speech on the Navy Estimates, Mr. C. G. Ammon, Parliamentary Secretary of the Admiralty, announced that after full consideration of all the relevant facts and consultation with the Dominions overseas, the Government has decided not to proceed further with the Singapore base scheme.



Premier, Smuts.



RAMSAY MACDONALD.



LORD CHELMSFORD.

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Maintaining Imperial Co-operation.

CONFLICTING OPINION.

(Rulers General Service)

LONDON, March 18.

In the House of Commons Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Premier, repudiated the suggestion that the Government's action was in any way cutting off ourselves from co-operation with the Dominions or making it impossible to carry on co-operation under different circumstances and perhaps different plans.

He stated incidentally that the Singapore scheme would in no way have violated the Washington Agreement.

Moreover the position of Singapore was second to none if we were driven to create a new fleet in the Pacific, but after careful consideration the Government had decided the scheme would have detrimental effects on our foreign policy which aimed at the creation of international confidence facilitating a comprehensive agreement for the limitation of armaments.

Smuts Speaks Out.

LONDON, March 18.

Mr. MacDonald stated that the Commonwealth cordially sympathized with the Government's international policy and desired better international understanding, as an advance towards the reduction of armaments, but considered the action of His Majesty's Government would jeopardise instead of assisting that policy. (Opposition cheers.) The Singapore scheme was for defensive, not offensive, purposes.

General Smuts described the Imperial Government's policy as a bold move towards enduring peace. He wholeheartedly agreed with it. (Liberal and Labour cheers.)

General Smuts felt the great cause of peace and conciliation would have been seriously undermined by the construction of the base.

Mr. MacDonald concluded that Australia had expressed willingness to contribute a substantial sum towards the development of the base and New Zealand had already offered a first contribution of £900,000.

Lords' Censure.

In the House of Lords, Lord Chelmsford, First Lord of the Admiralty, communicated a summary of the Dominion Governments' replies regarding Singapore.

Canada and Ireland preferred not to give advice. Australia, New Zealand and New Foundland through their Prime Ministers urged that the scheme should be proceeded with.

General Smuts approved the Imperial Government's policy as tending towards enduring peace. The House of Lords carried by 56 to 19 votes a motion "moved" by Lord Curzon, regretting the Government's action in abandoning the Singapore Scheme, "believing the development of the naval base at Singapore as approved by the Imperial Conference to be urgently required for the protection of the commerce and security of the Dominions and the future maintenance of peace."

LONDON, March 18.

In the House of Commons, Mr. R. C. M. Amery, former First Lord of the Admiralty, said that when the Conservatives came back into power they would not lose an instant in resuming the Singapore scheme.

Britain's Naval Needs.

ESTIMATES REDUCED £2,200,000.

LONDON, March 18.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Ammon emphasised that the reduction of £2,200,000 testified to the observance of the Washington Agreement and the desire to reduce armaments.

The personnel had increased by a thousand only, and 1,400 men would be recruited to man the two battleships and other ships now being constructed instead of the 3,200 normally required. The remainder would be obtained from other ships.

The progress of the battleships "Nelson" and "Rodney" had been seriously affected by the boiler-makers' lockout last year and it was very doubtful whether the time lost would be regained during the succeeding contract building period.

Mr. Ammon anticipated that three light cruisers would be completed during the next financial year and a fourth in July of 1925.

The visits of the Special Service Squadron had hitherto been very successful.

Replacing Obsolete Vessels.

Mr. Ammon continued that arrangements had been made to maintain the adequate oil reserve needs of the Fleet. The Admiralty felt more secure in this matter owing to the Government's decision to retain control of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company and to maintain contracts for a number of oil tankers to be available for the protection of trade.

As we were below requirements of replacement, the construction of five new cruisers could no longer be delayed in view of the large numbers of light cruisers which during the next few years would reach the age at which they would no longer be efficient.

Out of 48 light cruisers in the British Empire, ten would be over the efficient age this year. Practically all the remainder had been built during the war for the North Sea and eighteen of these were not suitable to operate long in ocean trade routes.

By the time the proposed five cruisers had been completed, eleven or sixteen now commissioned would have been scrapped, or placed in reserve.

The Government had closely and earnestly considered the question of Singapore as involving questions of much wider implication than naval strategy. After fully considering all the relevant facts and consulting the Dominions, the Government had decided not to proceed with the Singapore scheme. (Loud Ministerial cheers.)

Other Nations Touchy.

LATER. In the House of Commons the debate on the Singapore scheme was concluded after Mr. Baldwin had stated that the Conservatives reserved the right to speak fully and demand the decision of the House at the report stage.

Mr. Hugh Seely (Liberal) thereupon moved that there was no necessity to construct five cruisers. This was defeated by 304 to 114 votes and the House adjourned.

LONDON, March 18.

As an apposite example of foreign susceptibility in naval matters, Lord Chelmsford, defending the Government's policy in the House of Lords, pointed out that similar exercises had been carried out in the same neighbourhood in 1922 and would be taken place there again this year but for the situation in the Mediterranean.

Other news matter will be found on page 3.

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Half hour.....	25 "	40 "
One hour.....	35 "	50 "
Every subsequent hour.....	35 "	50 "
II.—Hill District.		
Five minutes.....	15 cents	30 cents
Quarter hour.....	20 "	40 "
Half hour.....	30 "	50 "
One hour.....	40 "	60 "
Every subsequent hour.....	40 "	60 "

The oldest European inhabitant
of Fez, Morocco, the Italian Coun-
sellor, has just died
there after 22 years' service in the
country.

Three Chavannes boys were re-
minded at Reading on a charge of
wilfully damaging letters by dropping
lighted matches into a street
pillar-box.

At Darlington Mr. Henry B. L.
Whitwell, 24, of Houghton-le-
Spencer, who said his car could de-
velop a speed of 100 miles an hour,
was fined £10 and £50 costs for
driving to the danger of the public
on December 17, when he knocked
down with his car off of wall by
the road-side.

A verdict of Wilful Murder was
returned at a Market Bosworth,
Leicestershire, inquest against
James John Broome, 36, a wagoner
of Colton, who was found to have
killed the Harrot of his 7-year-old
daughter (Evelyn) and then com-
mitted suicide. Broome's wife had
just died of pneumonia and his body
was found in the house.

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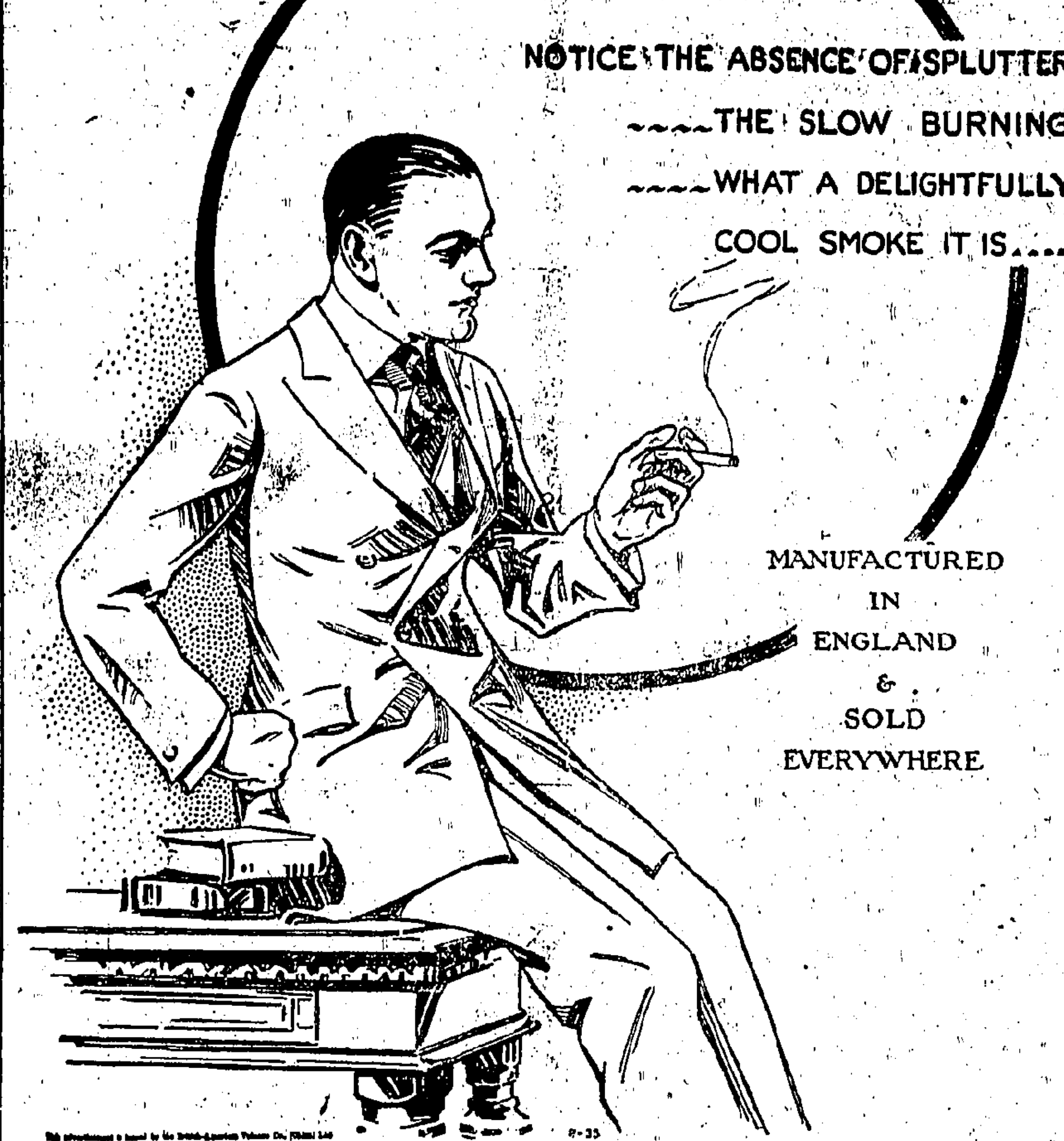
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sessed this faculty, or facility, to a
pre-eminent degree, and the Right
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garded among those Parliamentar-
ians of our own age over whom
literature has continued to exercise
a fascination undiminished by the
distractions of the political arena.
That Mr. Asquith has a ready pen
is so familiar a fact that it comes
as a surprise to one to realize that
he has contributed to literature noth-
ing more substantial than occa-
sional review articles. But he is
essentially an essayist, and some
charming examples of his com-
petence in this realm are to be
found in his just-published "Studies
and Sketches" (Hutchinson and
Co., 10s. 6d.) a collection of
articles some of which have, deserv-
ingly, been rescued from the pages
of reviews and other periodicals,
and of addresses delivered before
various educational and other
bodies.

"While I often wish that I could
remember half the things that I
have forgotten, I sometimes wish
that I could forget nearly half the
things that I remember," says Mr.
Asquith in a chapter on "Teaching
and Learning." He has, these
pages prove, not allowed the pre-
occupation of politics to make him
forget his favorite authors, of an-
cient and modern. The question of
memory training must always pos-
sess an attraction for the student,
and it is of interest to find Mr. As-
quith confessing, "I have a fairly
good, though somewhat patchy,
memory myself, which I believe I
owe entirely to the early days of
my schooling"—though it is
true that one is left conjecturing
whether it is the "fairly good" or
the "somewhat patchy" quality that
is attributed to the schooling. It
is far more difficult, he goes on
to point out, to evolve a discrimina-
ting than a merely receptive and re-
tentive memory; and one of the
most dangerous gifts that the gods
can bestow on the newborn infant
is the portentous, unrelenting mem-
ory of such men as Lord Macdu-
lay or Lord Acton.

Some reflections on reading and
writing lead Mr. Asquith to remark
that one of the rarest gifts that
one encounters in the highways and
byways of life is that of the man
or woman who knows both how to read
and how to write. "A touch of self-
revelation is contained in the con-
fession to 'an almost insupportable
fondness for good detective stories—
from the great Mr. Leeson and the
little master Sherlock Holmes down
to the latest and the least of their
kindred and American rivals' (this
being a confession of confidence, but
not a confession of reading, was origi-
nally delivered as an address to the
Boys of Eton). Mr. Asquith de-
picts the enormous amount of time

that is wasted to-day in the reading
of empty and fleeting trifles
by people who will not take the
trouble to go to the true fountain
of pleasure that flows through the
great masterpieces of fiction and
biography. The writers of the
seventeenth century, we are remind-
ed, have never been surpassed in all
the variety of qualities which give
English prose an unrivalled place
among modern instruments of ex-
pression—such prose as is to be
found in the Authorized Version of
the Bible, in Bacon's Essays, in
some of the pamphlets of Milton, in
Isaac Walton, Clarendon, and Sir
Thomas Browne. "In this com-
pany you cannot go far astray, and,
though the dialect and actual
phraseology may often have an old-
fashioned and even obsolete air, you
will find in the choice of words, the
rhythm of sentences, the building
up of paragraphs, that these authors
had a complete command of the
whole art of style."

The famous passage of these au-
thors should, Mr. Asquith argues, be
committed to memory, for he is of
the opinion that it would be quite
as useful if schoolboys were trained
in learning prose by heart as in
poetry. Elaborating his own
ideas on literary style Mr. Asquith
shows himself to be no narrow or
violent pedant. While agreeing
that the writer or speaker who uses
two words where one would suffice
is deserving of malediction, he goes
on to say:
"That does not in the least imply
that good writing should be indiffer-
ent to shades of meaning; to dis-
crimination; and, if necessary, to
accumulation of appropriate
epithets, or to the grace and
charm of metaphor and artistic or-
nament. Cicero and Burke are
vulgarily called diffuse writers; but
if you examine their best passages
(and every writer ought to be judged
by his best) you will not find a
superfluous word. Subject to these
two dominating principles there is
no limit to the arts or artifices by
which what we call style can be en-
riched and adapted to its special
purpose. One of the minor arti-
fices, both in poetry and prose, is
alliteration, more often abused than
fully used. If you want to see and
realize the subtle of the true art of
alliteration you will find countless
instances in Shakespeare and Mil-
ton."

One of the most alluring of the
literary studies in this collection is
that relating to Dr. Johnson and
Pamela Burney—originally an ad-
dress to the Johnson Club. Mr.
Asquith's theme was the story of
material regarding the great scholar
and lexicographer that, in the un-
thinkable opinion of Asquith, having
never written or published anything,
we should still have had available
in the "Diary" of the authorities
"Evelyn," that book which both
Burke and Sir Joshua Reynolds sat
up all night to read. The first two
volumes of Pamela Burney's
"Diary" seem to have exercised
over Mr. Asquith a very strong
power. A rare fascination, and
he shows vividly that he has this
characteristic of Dr. Johnson.
One of the extracts given by Mr.

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Weatherwanes.

Weatherwanes, popular a century
ago, and which disappeared from
general use about a generation back,
are coming into vogue again, re-
ports the *New York Herald*. This
probably is due to the increasing
use of copper as a weatherproof
material for the vines, and the
revival of colonial architecture. In
contrast to weatherwanes of the
past, which were conventional ar-
rows, horses, or birds, gilded, the
new weatherwanes are more works
of art, and lack the garish ap-
pearance imparted by cold lead.

A Queer Ride.

A horse has had a queer and
exciting ride not quite of its own
free will (reports the *Children's
Newspaper*). The engines of
American trains crossing the
prairies are provided in front with
a contrivance for scooping up any
movable object that may be on the
side. This contrivance has the
plain and simple name of a cow-
catcher.

In the ranching districts, where
there are large herds of cattle, the
cow-catcher is needed, but the
catch is by no means confined to
cows. In Minnesota, not long ago,
a train picked up a horse. The
driver did not see the horse, but
felt he had encountered some
obstruction, and stopped the train.
Nobody was found, and the train
went on. When it stopped again,
a quarter of a mile farther, the
cow-catcher!

When it was approached, it got
down and trotted away almost
uninjured.

Asquith relates the story of the First
Kiss, the date of which was early
in the November of 1773:
"In the evening (the 'Diary' re-
lates) the company divided pretty
much into parties, and almost
everybody walked upon the gravel
walk before the windows. I was
going to have joined some of them,
when Dr. Johnson stopped me and
asked me how I did."

"I was afraid, sir," cried I, "you
did not intend to know the agent,
for you have not spoken to me since
your return from town."
"My dear," I cried by taking both
my hands, "I was not sure of you."
I am so near-sighted, and I ap-
proached, making some mistake.
Then, drawing me very unexpected-
ly towards him, he actually kissed
me!"

Mrs. Thrale, lurking in the back
ground, burst into a laugh, and
the would go and walk with the
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Fred. Fisher and family beg to acknowledge with grateful thanks the floral tributes and letters of condolence sent in his sad bereavement and to thank those who attended the funeral.

BIRTHS.

STEWART.—On March 10, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. G. Stewart, C. M. Customs, Tientsin, a daughter.

GENSBURGER.—On March 14, 1924, at Shanghai, to Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Gensburger, a son.

TAPPENDEN.—On March 14, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tappenden, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, a daughter.

DEATH.

BOWDLER.—On March 18, at "Fung Shui," the Peak, Hongkong, Anne Bowdler, widow of the late Edward Bowdler, formerly Surveyor General of this Colony.

Funeral at St. John's Cathedral (to-day) Wednesday, at 4.30 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG WEDNESDAY, MAR. 19, 1924.

IDEALISM.

Hongkong should have more than a passing interest in the debate in the House of Commons on a proposed reduction of the

practical politics. It is not even a question of not being prepared to defend the grand old country which in itself, its laws and its spirit of liberty stands so high up on the ladder of idealism. Very few would resist the call to defend were our country in danger of an enemy's invasion. The few to be found wanting would probably be so from a sense of idealism based on conscience and conviction—which are not always respected. We see no reason to reduce our army or our armaments in the present state of feeling, although we regret to admit it. At the same time we see no reason why idealists with the courage that is in them should not press forward the many schemes based on sound common sense that tend to peaceful conditions. In these schemes Hongkong could help but does not. We are too busy. There is no need. There may be a rude awakening.

Motor Scorching.

It is to be noted with satisfaction that the Hongkong Automobile Association is against public trials at which speed—and excessive speed at that, especially on the part of those who ride motor cycles, seem to be the chief object. It is a great pity it did not insist upon that, or back up the public assurances made at the time of the recent displays. The first trial resulted in the loss of two valuable lives. The second resulted in the loss of no lives, but it cannot possibly be denied that the speed made by one or two entrants was without the bound of reason and common-sense, and a menace to life and limb. Speed contests may be considered a necessary adjunct of motor cycle development; but if so they should be held under conditions minimising the risk to life and limb as much as possible. For the rest, motor trials afford excellent opportunities for owners and sellers to demonstrate the capabilities of cars, and lend doubtless to improvements. Which is all to the good of motor development and the safety and comfort of those who own them. Several of the points we have raised must have been in the mind of the late Traffic Inspector who, we believe advised against speed trials. If this is correct he was singularly accurate in his anticipation of what might happen.

The Executive Council.

Membership of this august body must be counted one of the ambitions of local aspirants to public fame. It is necessarily an exclusive body consisting of certain permanent officials and a number of local residents who may be called "well-known." We are all familiar with the proceedings of the Legislative Council. Its debates are subject to the fierce light of publicity and the sayings of our Councillors are not hid from us. What they are about to do and what they say is broadcasted, and volumes of Hansard exist for reference and for the historian. But the meetings of the Executive Council are as a closed book. No one has ever known such a meeting to be reported in the press; or to learn what takes place within the walls of the sacred chamber. Often, we believe, litigants, or those who have "jibbed" at the rulings of, let us say some P.W.D. official, appear before "H.E. the Governor in Council" and there hear wise words and the decision that is final. Counsel have been known to address the Executive, but that is where our knowledge ends. Is there any reason why some information should not be given to the public of the nature of the subjects dealt with by the Executive, even if decisions and discussions are not made public? The Home Government has established a precedent which might be followed. It is that of issuing communiquees from Downing Street of the subjects the Cabinet is to discuss. It does no harm and gives the people a sense of being considered and let in to the things that a Government has to consider. Our Executive Council is doubtless as important as the Home Government but not to the extent that the subjects it talks about are divulged.

The ways of STRANGE. Politicians in view of the letters which have passed between the leaders of the Conservative Party and two of the candidates in the bye-election which is proceeding in the Abbey Division of

Westminster are, to say the least, strange. Winston Churchill has always been a disturbing figure in politics. We remember hearing him at Oldham when, as a strong Conservative, he was contesting one of its divisions. The halo of romance was upon him, for a few months previously the Boers had captured him, but by a piece of cool daring he escaped. His account of it made excellent reading. He lost that particular election fight, but came back and won. Time proceeded and "Winnie" became the despair of his friends. So bad at one time were his attacks on the then Premier (Arthur Balfour), that on one occasion when he rose to address the House of Commons, the whole of the Tory members rose and left the House in a body, as evidence of their disgust at the treatment accorded their Leader. Now we have that same Leader addressing a letter of commendation to his once erstwhile rebellious traducer. The ways of some politicians are indeed passing strange.

THE PRINCE. It seems apt to say that if the Prince of Wales is not careful he'll do his Kingdom for a horse.

CHURCH-GOING. It remains to be seen if local church-going will be expedited as the result of the recent discussion on "Where the Church Falls" and the introduction of the Surrey Band. The matter may be climatic or have something to do with the type of services offered, which in the Church of England are variable. Again it may have something to do with the popularity of the clergy. This seems to be the case at Southend, England, where the Sunday League Concerts have been discontinued, due, it is said, to the poor support given them as the people crowd in to Church Services at St. Mary's Church, which is ten minutes away from the Hippodrome where the Concerts were held. This is what a paper writes of the matter:

"Two services are held every Sunday evening—one at 5.30 and the other at 7. Before the first is over the congregation for the second is queuing up outside and as one congregation is leaving by one door another is entering by a door on the opposite side. The church holds one thousand, and the music, like the service, is very bright indeed. The choir has to be halved for the two services, but the same clergy attend both, and both sermons are given by the same preacher. The vicar, the Rev. Canon Ellis N. Gowing, who is very popular, does not agree that his services make any difference to the attendance at the Sunday League Concerts."

We are all more or less familiar with the injunction that we should do so—presumably because it is good for us. Here is a Mr. J. R. Westgate, director of the Sugar Planters' experiment station in the Hawaiian Islands saying that if an inch could be added to the cane stalks grown in the territory, the consequent financial returns would be an increase of half a million dollars. Sugar planters to gain what they do and to preserve a type of cane that gives the highest sucrose contents, work against tremendous adverse conditions. They must control insects and diseases, successfully supply the best fertilizers from distant parts of the world, and furnish the required amount of water for irrigation. The consumer of goods little thinks of the vast amount of work and thought entailed in producing the commodities he so much needs and uses and the research work that is being done to produce more and to produce better.

Shanghai furnishes evidence of what a Rotary Club can do outside its ordinary functions. Thus it is interesting to read of a meeting at which Rotarians were asked to bring their daughters if they had any, between the ages of 7 and 18. Those without daughters were asked to bring someone else's daughter. Papers were read or speeches made, under the following captions:—"My conception of an Ideal Daughter";—"My conception of an Ideal Father";—"Our Fathers";—"Things Fathers and Daughters can do together." Certainly a very original and very interesting and instructive idea.

Nothing so far ST. DUNSTAN'S has been done locally for St. Dunstan's since Mr. Cowen was here and lectured at Government House. Shanghai and Tientsin rose to the occasion and organised gatherings which produced principal and interest. Of the absolute usefulness and need of St. Dunstan's there can be no question. What the country would have done without it no one can say. Here is a remarkable instance of what the Home has been able to do in one particular case. Alan M. Nichols, although totally

blind and with both hands amputated at the wrists, is able to tell whether fruit is sound by touch. Among other accomplishments, he uses a typewriter and plays the piano. By using a special pack of Braille cards and feeling the cards with his nose, Mr. Nichols is able to play a good game of bridge. He lost his hands and sight when a bomb exploded while he was instructing Army recruits in England. He declared that St. Dunstan's gave him the will to live. It seems an illustration of Laurence Sterne's dictum that God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb. Without St. Dunstan's Alan Nichols would have been a derelict on life's highway, a burden to himself, his people and the country. Whilst there's life there's hope. All praise to St. Dunstan's and the work it is doing. It should find a warm corner in the hearts of all. We hope to hear soon that Hongkong which can be charitable, will do something effective to see that St. Dunstan's is kept going.

To-day's Poem.

"(If You Aspiring)"
If you aspiring dream one steadfast dream,
Smile but one smile of daring in the face
Of stubborn nature, henceforth there will seem
New powers on earth, and everywhere new grace.
For dreams are seeds sown in an obdurate clay,
Resistless tendrils breaking its duress
To seek a light still fairer than our day
And flower within a heart else flowerless.
—T. Morris Longstreth.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

MARCH 19.

1666. To Westminster, where by reason of rain and an easterly wind the water was so high that there was boats rowed in King Street and all our yard was drowned, that one could not go to my house, so as no man has seen the like almost, most houses full of water.—Pepys.

AN AMBASSADOR'S MAXIMS.

"Never write or say anything that may offend. Never write or speak if you feel irritated or indignant, however righteous you may think your indignation, for you are likely to offend the other party and regret it." And again: "Don't trouble about style so long as you make your meaning perfectly clear." And again: "Never create incidents." These maxims of Sir Edward Malet were quoted by Sir Esme Howard at the Pilgrims' Banquet.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENT S.

March 19.—Coronet Theatre; "Potash and Perlmutter."
March 19.—Star Theatre; Zena Keefe in "Proxies."
March 19.—World Theatre; Priscilla Dean in "Drifting."
March 20.—Star Theatre; Farewell return visit of Chafalo and Palermo.
March 29.—Theatre Royal, Grand Concert, 9.15 p.m.—SOCIAL.
April 2.—St. Andrew's Fete in the Church Hall and grounds, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.

SPORT.

March 21.—St. Stephen's College annual sports at Happy Valley, 5.30 p.m.
March 29.—H.K. Jockey Club extra race meeting.
PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
March 21.—Lammet Bros. at Sales Room, Duddell St., a valuable collection of postage stamps, 6.15 p.m.
March 24.—Lammet Bros. at No. 8 Gascoigne Road, Kowloon, valuable household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

March 20.—Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., ordinary yearly meeting at 2, Queen's Building, noon.
March 22.—Yearly Meeting of Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., 11.30 a.m.
March 27.—Fifty-fifth meeting of shareholders of the H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.
March 29.—Further extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, 11 a.m.
March 29.—Ordinary Meeting of Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., at Company's office 20, Des Voeux Road, 11 a.m.

March 31.—Forty-sixth annual meeting of shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, at 11 a.m.

OTHER MEETINGS.

March 24.—Annual meeting of Members of the H.K. General Chamber of Commerce in the Old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, 4 p.m.
March 25.—Thirty-eighth yearly meeting of Members of the Hongkong Club, in the Club House, 5.30 p.m., to be followed by an extraordinary General Meeting immediately after.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Last week 34 cases of small-pox were notified, deaths from the disease numbering 31. Six fresh cases were reported yesterday.

A strong earthquake is reported to have occurred at Toyohara, Saghalon on March 15, states a *Reuter* cable from Tokyo. Buildings were thrown down and casualties are feared.

The result of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Bogey Pool Competition, played at Fanling on 15th, 16th and 17th inst. was that Messrs. T. G. Bennett, and J. P. Warren divide the pool, both 2 up.

Salvage operations in connection with the stranded "Heungshan" are still going on. The vessel is gradually lifting and it is expected that it will soon be possible to bring her down to Hongkong.

The cult of the Mah-Jongg tea party has produced the Mah-Jongg cake. Recently Messrs. "Selfridge's" were selling replicas of figures in the game. The crowning piece of confectionery represented a Chinese pagoda.

The Blue Funnel line "Machao" arrived from England yesterday. She started with 246 coolies (men and women), a birth on board increasing the number to 247. In addition there were four Chinese deportees, whilst, soon after leaving Singapore, a French-Canadian stowaway was discovered in the coal bunkers.

Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E., Assistant Colonial Secretary is leaving for London by the s.s. "Naldora" on Saturday. Mr. Fletcher will represent Hongkong at the League of Nations Opium Commission at Geneva and, while away, we understand, will take a few months leave. Mrs. Fletcher and the children have already gone home.

A notable visitor to Hongkong is Mr. H. T. Byram, President of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, who arrived accompanied by Mrs. Byram and Miss Helen Byram on the "President McKinley" yesterday. Mr. Byram is making a long hoped for tour of the East. He will proceed to Manila with the "President McKinley" and return to Hongkong.

According to a *Reuter* cable from London, a correspondent has written to the *Times*, drawing attention to the dire straits of thousands of Russian refugees in China, giving as an instance the fact that some are applying for licences as ricksha pullers in Shanghai. The writer urges the Government to draw the Russian Government's attention to the matter.

Lieut. Colonel W. N. Nicholson, C.M.G., D.S.O., will leave a host of friends behind on Saturday when he is due to sail on the s.s. "Naldora" for Gibraltar. Colonel Nicholson, who was married last week to Miss Phyllis Higgs, has acted in the capacity of D.A.A., C.M.G., at the China Command Headquarters for over four years. At Gibraltar, he will join his regiment, the 1st Suffolk, as second-in-command after many years absence on Staff work.

Details of a short-lived romance which began with a whirlwind courtship on the Yangtze River and ended a few weeks after marriage by the young wife instituting divorce proceedings in America, are given in a San Francisco paper. The husband, described as a "handsome young pilot," is said to have met the lady, who was then a Miss Ellis, at the Panama Pacific Exposition in 1915. The years passed and in 1923 she found herself in a small steamer proceeding up the Great River. When a shower of bullets suddenly swept the ship, a gallant captain dragged her behind a bulkhead. He proved to be her old friend of the romantic encounter at the Panama Exhibition. Two days later they were married. A few weeks and on arrival at San Francisco, the young woman, says the San Francisco paper, implored a lawyer to obtain for her a speedy divorce.

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NEW BARRISTER.

GOVERNMENT CADET ADMITTED.

MR. J. H. B. NIBBELL'S DISTINGUISHED CAREER.

Mr. John Henry Barclay Nibbell M.C., of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, was this morning admitted by the Chief Justice (Sir William Rogers Davies) to practice as a barrister in the Colony.

Moving the admission of Mr. Nibbell, the Attorney General (the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp K.C.), said that he was educated at Felsland and Emmanuel College, Cambridge and in 1914 he was President of the Cambridge Union. From 1914 to 1918 he held a commission in the Royal Munster Fusiliers and after the battle of Cambrai in 1917 he was awarded the Military Cross. Mr. Nibbell was private secretary to Sir William Edge M.P., one of the Lords of the Treasury, during 1919-1920 and he then read in the Chambers of Sir William Marshall Hall, being called to the bar the following year. In July 1921 he was appointed to the Eastern Cadet service and shortly afterwards he came to Hongkong.

Addressing Mr. Nibbell, the Chief Justice said: "Your record is a distinguished one. Apart from the war service you have rendered to His Majesty and which reflects great credit upon you, your career at the University was a distinguished one. To me personally, your career has additional interest from the fact that you are members of the same University and we are also members of the same Inns of Court. I need scarcely say that, personally speaking, these two elements in your career have a personal interest. I have much pleasure in admitting you to practice in the Bar of this Colony and trust that in so far as your duties will require your attendance in this Court, your experience will be a successful one."

Mr. Nibbell: "Thank you, My Lord."

TRAFFIC NEEDS.

"A ROAD ACROSS THE HARBOUR."

NEW FERRY SERVICE.

An inadequate ferry service for heavy traffic across the Harbour has long been the subject of complaint of manufacturers, transport agents and even motorists. The enormous amount of cooie labour entailed in transporting materials of bulk and weight from Kowloon to Hongkong and vice versa has created difficulties which increase as the Colony's trade expands, and the expense that is incurred is becoming almost prohibitive.

To provide a "road across the harbour"—in the words of Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Assistant Colonial Secretary—the Government has formulated a scheme which will see completion in about three years. The Yauwatt ferry service is to disappear and in its place will come a service specially designed for heavy traffic from the General Market, Tsimshatsui, Jordan Road, Kowloon, and other points, and in due course work will be directed on the construction of the landing stages and piers at both ends.

The new service, Mr. Fletcher told a *China Mail* representative this morning, will not run in competition with the Star Ferry service. The method of its operation, line, not yet been decided by the Government. The main object of the new service, added Mr. Fletcher, was to provide a road across the harbour which would greatly facilitate the transport of bulky traffic, materials and machinery without undue delay and with a minimum of cost and labour.

BIBLE SOCIETY.

LAST YEAR'S GOOD WORK.

The report for 1923 issued by the local Auxiliary Shows Receipts (including \$85.85 brought forward) amounting to \$2,247.39, of which \$2,150 was remitted to Headquarters. In the report tribute is paid to the Ladies' Committee, "which engages, regularly, in an organized effort to secure for the Society monetary aid," and the Hongkong Churches.

The Auxiliary seeks from year to year to embody the spirit of the Bible Society and to further its plans for the world-wide dissemination of the Scriptures. During the year 6008 Bibles, New Testaments and Single Gospels were sold. 4,658 copies of the Scriptures in Chinese were sold and there were sales in the Japanese, Malay, Punjabi, Urdu and Hindi, Swedish, French, German, and Spanish languages. Eight copies in English were also sold.

ARMS ON JUNKS. NOVEL POINT DECIDED.

"BAD CASE" SHEETED HOME.

Despite an ingenious point of law raised by his counsel (Mr. N. I. Brewer), a Chinese charged with the unlawful possession of arms, was at the March criminal sessions today found guilty by the jury on what the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies K.C.) described as "the most conclusive evidence I have ever heard in a court of justice."

The police evidence showed that when the prisoner was searched at the Mongkok ferry wharf, having been intercepted when about to go off in a sampan a box containing 25 rounds of ammunition was found on him. He was wearing a long coat and three short coats underneath it and when he was searched again at the police station an expended round was found in one of his pockets and 12 live rounds were found concealed in the lining of his hat and between his legs, suspended from his girdle by a cord, was an automatic pistol.

In cross-examination, Mr. Brewer had elicited that it was generally recognised that the prisoner was master of a junk and when the Crown case had been closed he indicated that the defence was simply a point of law. He pointed out that the Ordinance should not "prevent the owner of any vessel from having on board such arms and ammunition as are reasonably necessary for the protection of such vessel, and further provided that in the case of a junk and other vessel such arms and ammunition shall be described or enumerated in the licence of clearance."

Mr. Brewer's argument hinged mainly on the words "licence of clearance" which, he maintained, specifically gave the prisoner, who was taking the arms aboard for the protection of his vessel, the option of enumerating them either on the licence or on the clearance. The only reason for saying "licence or clearance" must be, he suggested, that where a junk had not got the arms enumerated on its licence they must be enumerated in its clearance. Mr. Brewer added that he could give evidence that the junk was about to leave the Colony.

The Chief Justice: Carrying your contention further, it would be open to any Chinese to take ammunition aboard a junk and then say: "I was going to Macao tomorrow and I was going to apply for a clearance certificate." I don't think there is anything in your point, Mr. Brewer. Do you wish to say any more?

Mr. Brewer, No, my Lord. The Chief Justice: I hold in point of law that there is no evidence before me that the arms are reasonably necessary for the protection of this junk and I think that would be strictly a question for the jury. The question of the legal construction to be put upon the proviso was a legal question for the Court. I hold that the words must be read together and that if arms were necessary, so long as the vessel is in the waters of the Colony, the licence would show that they were needed.

In the course of his summing up His Lordship said he thought the jury would probably have great difficulty in finding that it was a bona fide matter with the ammunition secreted in the way it was.

The jury very quickly returned a verdict of "guilty" and the Chief Justice, remarking that he regarded this as a bad case and that the prisoner was the class of man the new ordinance had been passed to deal with, awarded a sentence of five years imprisonment with hard labour.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A Chinese mason, employed by the Wang Yick contractors of No. 184, Reclamation Street, has been sent to hospital with injuries received during blasting operations.

The Chinese who returned on the "President Wilson" after staying seventeen years in Mexico this morning fined \$1,000 by Mr. J. R. Wood for the possession of arms and ammunition.

Following the startling discovery in the Yaumatei refuge ten days ago of a dead Chinese with a bullet-hole in the chest, the Water Police have picked up another body near that part of the harbour. The deceased appears to have been badly cut with a sharp instrument.

Application was made by the police before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning for the confiscation of six Mausers and 767 rounds of ammunition found on board the s.s. "On Lee." The police went on board at 12 o'clock on Sunday morning when the Captain handed over the arms to them. It is thought that the contraband was placed on the ship by smugglers.

SHROFF'S "BLOOMER." TEN TIMES TOO MUCH.

LARCENY CHARGE FOLLOWS

A mistake made by one of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank's shroffs in changing some hundred-dollar notes led to the appearance in the dock at the March criminal sessions today before Mr. Justice Gompertz and a jury, of a Chinese named Chan Yau who was charged with the larceny of \$2,700. The accused pleaded not guilty and was defended by Mr. F. C. Jenkin.

The jurors called were: Messrs. E. F. R. Sample (Foreman), W. L. J. Sousa, Ng Sze-kwong, Chau Chiu-tsun, R. E. Hoare, E. Kern and P. C. Hagen.

Outlining the Crown case, the Assistant Attorney-General (Mr. A. Dyer Ball) explained that on February 1 the prisoner, who was employed by the Fung Tang firm, was sent to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to change five \$100 notes into smaller money. Two of these notes were to be changed into ten cent pieces and the other three into \$10 notes. After he had got his \$200 worth of ten-cent pieces, the prisoner went along to another counter and handed the notes in to be changed. At the same time there were at this counter two men from the Bank of Canton who handed in twenty \$50 notes to be changed.

The shroff took the money and, owing to some mistake, instead of handing back to the prisoner three bundles \$10 notes, each of \$100, he handed him three bundles of \$10 notes each of which contained \$1,000. Thus he paid the prisoner back \$3,000 instead of \$300. The prisoner opened the bundles, counted the notes and then went away. Later on the accountant discovered that he was \$2,700 short and, following inquiries, the prisoner was arrested. It would be admitted, Mr. Dyer Ball said, that it was the Bank's mistake but it was claimed that the prisoner knew that he should only have got \$300 and when he was handed \$3,000 instead he said nothing about it but went off with the money.

Shroff Cross-Examined. The shroff who took the notes from the prisoner gave evidence this morning and was keenly cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin. Replying to the latter, he said that he knew the prisoner very well by sight but did not know from what firm he came because he could not read English. He admitted that on the previous day the Bank had lost \$40,000 and that his son, also a shroff, was involved in this but it was merely a coincidence. The complainant was, he confessed, very angry with him and his position was imperilled as a result of the mistake. It was after this that one of the men from the Bank of Canton came along and told him who it was that had been at the counter at the same time.

In the course of further cross-examination the witness said that when he handed the notes to the prisoner the latter mentioned the sum of \$3,000. Mr. Jenkin commented on the fact that it was the first time anything of the kind had been mentioned.

(Proceeding.)

Correspondence.

Tennis Tournament.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.] Sir,—Your account of the tennis match H. D. and O. Rum-jahn v. Honda and Abe includes a sentence from which one would conclude that Abe was a perpetual foot-fault offender.

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PRINCE'S RACING RISKS. QUESTIONS IN COMMONS.

HOUSE'S "GRAVE CONCERN"

LONDON, March 18. The question of the Prince of Wales riding accidents was raised in the House of Commons when Colonel Moore Brabazon (Conservative) asked whether it was within the province of the House of Commons to represent to the Sovereign its grave concern at the repeated risks run by the Throne.

The Speaker replied that personally he had no tongue to speak there, except as the House might direct him. The matter rested with the responsible Ministers of the Crown.—*Reuter.*

NAVAL OIL INQUIRY.

OFFICIALS WHO DEALT IN STOCKS.

ACCOUNTANTS' INVESTIGATIONS

(*Reuter's American Service.*)

WASHINGTON, March 18. According to accountants who testified before the Senate oil committee, Mr. Daugherty (Attorney General), Senator Curtis, and Senator Elkins, also Mr. Slomp, Secretary to President Coolidge, were among the officials who had transactions in Sinclair, or Doheny oil stocks about the time the naval oil reserve was leased.

Slomp was then a member of the House of Representatives. Other members of the House dealing in the same stocks included, Messrs. Rouse, Goodykoontz and Ryan.

POINCARÉ'S VICTORY.

PARIS, March 18.

The Senate by 151 to 23 votes adopted the whole of the Government's financial proposals. The Left senators abstained from voting.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA

LONDON, March 18.

Reuter understands that according to latest news from Moscow there are indications that Russian and British conferences in London will begin early in April.

The report that M. Chicherin is coming to London as Ambassador is not credited at the Foreign Office.

STILL THEY COME.

NEW YORK, March 18.

It is announced that a new Sunday evening newspaper called the *New York Star* will be published shortly.

ANOTHER TRACK.

WASHINGTON, March 18.

The Teapot Dome enquiry committee has subpoenaed Mr. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, and Mr. Weeks, Secretary of War, in order to ascertain the manner in which confidential information was exchanged between their Departments and the Department of Justice.

\$2,000,000 SOLDIERS' BONUS.

WASHINGTON, March 18.

The House of Representatives by 355 to 54 votes passed the soldiers' bonus bill providing paid-up endowment life insurance policies and cash payments.

LATER.

It is estimated that the present bonus plan will cost altogether \$2,000,000,000.

FRANCE'S ARMY.

PARIS, March 18.

The Bill for the reorganisation of the Army has been introduced into the Chamber of Deputies. It provides for an active army of 32 divisions in addition to special troops which are divided into 16 army corps. Ten divisions would be stationed in the Rhineland.

OBITUARY.

MRS. EDWARD BOWDLER.

Mrs. Edward Bowdler, one of the oldest residents of the Colony and the first European lady to live on the Peak, passed away yesterday.

We regret to say, after a lingering illness beginning nearly a year ago, that Mrs. Bowdler was the widow of the late Mr. Edward Bowdler who from 1874 to 1890 was Assistant Surveyor-General of the Colony, a designation which he was the last to bear in the service.

Mrs. Bowdler was formerly a regular attendant at the services at St. John's Cathedral and gave to the Cathedral a very fine reorganised organ which was dedicated in December 1921. She lived at "Fungshui," the Peak, where she passed away at midnight yesterday at the age of 82. In spite of her advanced age her mind was definitely clear to the last.

The best part of the funeral service will be held in St. John's Cathedral at 4.30 p.m. to-day and the remaining portion at the graveside at Happy Valley where she will be buried in the same grave as her husband. She had no children.

COMPETITOR.

Hongkong, March 18.

[Our reference to Mr. Abe being spoken to by a linesman about his position when serving, had as its object an explanation that he was liable to "nerves" in that he became more flustered after the "incident." We are perfectly content to leave the enforcement of rules to the umpires and linesmen who are chosen because of their efficiency and fairness.—Ed. "China Mail."]

MARCH SETTLEMENT. JUROR'S BUSY WEEK.

Pleading that he was "very busy with the March settlement," Mr. C. M. Alves asked, when his name was called at the March criminal sessions this morning, to be excused from jury service.

The Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies) asked when the March settlement occurred and Mr. Alves said next Tuesday. "Well," said His Lordship, requests on similar grounds have already been refused. Have you not made application to the Registrar and already received a reply from him?

Mr. Alves admitted that he had. His Lordship: Then as your application has already been considered and answered I see no reason for discussing it now. The conclusion I have arrived at is that your services will probably not be required next week. I always do what I can to assist gentlemen as far as I possibly can.

ANOTHER BUSY MAN.

In Mr. Justice Gompertz's court

under judgment, Mr. J. H. Donnelly of Messrs. Donnelly and Whyte, put forward a request to be excused. He said that he served only three weeks ago and was at present the only European in the office.

His Honour: Well, you have been called. I am afraid you cannot be excused.

The Assistant Attorney General, Mr. A. Dyer Ball: I think this is a new list we are using. Last year's list is finished.

Mr. Donnelly mentioned that he would have no objection to serving to-morrow when his partner, who was away to-day, would be back.

When all the other jurors had been called His Honour, addressing Mr. Donnelly, said: It appears that the reason why you have been called again at such short notice is that we have finished using the old jury list in the same year. As your partner is coming back to-night and you are the only European in the office, I have much pleasure in excusing you. You will attend to-morrow at 10.30.

TOURING THE WORLD.

JAPANESE MILITARY MISSION HERE.

Among the passengers aboard the s.s. "Hikusan Maru" which arrived at Hongkong yesterday from Japan is a Japanese Military Mission who are on their way to make an extensive tour of Europe and the United States. At the head of the Mission is Lieutenant-General Kaneji Wada, Commandant of the Japanese Staff College. Other members of the Mission are: Major-General Jinzaburo Mazaki, Commandant, Officers' School; Major-General Enjiro Kurosaki, a technical expert; Colonel Miakiro Furisho, Chief of Staff of Mission; Surgeon-Colonel Michiaki Mirooka; Major Shohai Washizu, Major Takamasa Exeki, and Major Masazo Kawabe.

In conjunction with the Japanese Consul-General in Hongkong the Staff at Military Headquarters arranged a very interesting programme for the reception and entertaining of the Mission. At 10.30 a.m. H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troop in China, attended by two staff officers paid a call on board the vessel and shortly after Lieutenant-General Wada and H.E. Major-General Sir John Fowler were brought ashore in the Commodore's barge and an official landing took place at Murray Pier, where a Guard of Honour of the East Surrey Regiment with band and colours was drawn up. On landing, the Japanese National Anthem was played after which the Head of the Mission inspected the Guard of Honour. General Wada then motored to Government House to pay his respects to H.E. the Governor. Later in the morning General Wada visited Headquarters House where he was joined by the remainder of the Mission.

At 11.35 a.m. the Mission left Headquarters House and travelled across the Harbour by the Star Ferry to Kowloon, where they inspected the 24th Grenadier Battalion and a Pack Battery of the R.K.S. R.G.A. The Mission later returned to Headquarters House where they were entertained to lunch by Sir John Fowler. In the afternoon they motored round the Island.

Last night a dinner party in honour of the Mission was given at the Hongkong Hotel by the Japanese Consul-General. Besides the Military Mission, the other principal guests were: H. E. Major-General Sir John Fowler, the Hon. Sir Claude Seyern, C.M.G., Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., Major L. C. Trench, Captain Bennett, Captain Macready and Lieutenant-Scout Goya and Mr. T. Nishiyama (President of the Japanese Association).

The Japanese Military Mission leaves Hongkong to-day for Europe via Singapore.

LUCKY MAN. FORGED NOTE VERDICT.

CHIEF JUSTICE'S COMMENT.

"I was deceived and if I go to prison I will not be satisfied" declared a Chinese who was charged at the March criminal sessions today before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies) and a jury with uttering and possessing forged bank notes.

The Crown case was that the man tendered a forged five-piastre note to a moneychanger in Queen's Road West. Deciding it was a forgery, the moneychanger called in a policeman who asked the prisoner whether he had any more like it. The prisoner replied that that was the only one he had but nine similar notes were found on him when he was searched. In answer to the charge at the Magistracy he said that he was a soldier in Canton and got the notes at "fan tan."

An official of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine said that they were very clever forgeries of the five-piastre notes issued by his Bank.

The prisoner said he had nothing to add to his previous statements beyond the remark above quoted, and His Lordship then told the jury that to convict they must be satisfied that the prisoner knew they were forged notes.

When the jury had returned to Court after a few moments retirement the foreman announced: "We find the prisoner guilty of uttering and having possession of the notes but we are not convinced that he knew that they were forged."

"That," pointed out the Chief Justice, "is a verdict of not guilty." "The jury," he informed the prisoner, "are not satisfied that you knew these notes to be forged, so therefore they have found you not guilty. I feel it my duty to say this, that you are an extremely fortunate man. Your conduct, in my opinion, was altogether inconsistent with innocence and I feel it my duty in the interests of the community to say so. You are discharged."

JARDINE'S LOOK-OUT.

SCHEME DEVELOPING SUCCESSFULLY.

"We want small houses with a little garden, cheap enough to fit the purse of the man with a moderate income" said Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Assistant Colonial Secretary to a "China Mail" representative this morning who enquired as to the progress of the Forty-Years' Scheme.

Mr. Fletcher particularly mentioned the Jardine's Look-Out Scheme, which, he said, was developing successfully. It was one of the best sites he had seen in Wong-Nei-Chong and he was confident that it would prove a success. It was the sort of scheme which the Government wished to encourage. European flats were urgently needed.

Mr. Fletcher added that the Kowloon Garden Tong project was also being developed and its progress was distinctly noticed daily. The site was ideal for a residential district.

TYPHOON SEASON.

RESCUE TUG BEING PROVIDED.

With the typhoon season approaching, once more questions regarding warning and rescue facilities are coming to the fore, especially following last September's terrible disaster.

Asked by a *China Mail* representative this morning if the Government were making any additional precautions against the typhoons this year, Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher informed us that plans were being completed for the construction of a rescue tug.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Viscount Takahashi, President of the Seiyukai, has resigned his seat in the Upper House, states a *Daily Bulletin* cable from Tokyo.

A *Reuter* cable from London reports the death of Sir Frederick Bridge, the famous musician and organist, one of the outstanding figures in contemporary music. Sir Frederick in 1902 became King Edward Professor of Music at London University, and was Organist at Westminster Abbey from 1875 to 1918. Sir Frederick, who was a member of the Athenaeum Club, was the author of several profound works on music, and the composer of countless cantatas and oratorios. He was knighted in 1897, became an M.V.O. in 1902, and C.V.O. nine years later.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

CHINESE TRADE MARK LAW

HOME GOVERNMENT TAKE ACTION.

LONDON, March 18. In the House of Commons, in answer to questions, Mr. Sydney Webb, President of the Board of Trade, stated that the Government was communicating with the Chinese Government regarding those provisions of the Chinese trade mark law which would affect British interests in China.—*Reuter.*

EXCHANGE MARKET.

LONDON, March 18. Francs continue to show improvement. The London market closed as follows: French francs 84.65, and Belgian 10. A feature was the fall of Dutch florins, these closing at 11/6 3/4.—*Reuter.*

RUBBER SLUMP.

LONDON, March 17. Rubber in London fell yesterday to 11 1/4d. per pound, the lowest quotation since October 1922. The fall is attributed to heavy selling by speculators, principally of forward positions.—*Reuter.*

FISHING LEASES.

TOKYO, March 18. It is reported from Vladivostok that agreement has been reached by the Russo-Japanese unofficial fishery representatives, the latter agreeing to pay immediately Yen 550,000 from the Yen 1,750,000 outstanding balance, remitting in three annual instalments; and the Russians agreeing to reduce the percentage of increase in future leases of the fishing grounds. It is indicated that the Russo-Japanese differences in this and other questions are gradually being smoothed out.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin.*

YEN EXCHANGE.

TOKYO, March 18. Nothing is as yet known regarding the conference of financiers and bankers to consider measures to relieve the Yen exchange. It is understood that the Government is referring the question to the Imperial Economic Board.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin.*

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

In addition to the quotations given on page 11 as usual, the following should be noted:—
Hongkong Stock Exchange:—
H.K. Hotels \$22 cum div. ex rights nom. rights \$8 premium buyers.
Cements ex rights \$28 sellers rights 6 1/2 prem. buyers, \$7 sales.
Ropes ex bonus and rights \$27 nominal, rights \$3 prem. buy. Bonus shares \$27 nominal.

NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for "spot" goods, basis, usual guild terms, were as follows:—
Java sugar, average quality per picul net:—No. 24 rough, white \$14.00; Java brown 13.88.
Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net:—No. 1 Siam long white, new crop \$8.40; No. 1 Saigon long white 7.30.
Flour per "quarter" sack of 50 lbs.—White Greens 2.63; Nutmeg Orange 2.70; sperry's XXX 3.50; Maize 2.63; Big Gun 2.82; Globe 2.60; Old Mill 2.60; Reindeer 2.71 Melon 2.71. White C. x C. 2.68 Dayton 2.61; Kwan Tao 2.62.

ANOTHER RIVER STEAMER.

This morning the s.s. "Paul Beau" went alongside the Ping On wharf in readiness to join the Canton run. Together with the sister-ship "Charles Hardouin" these vessels were brought back from the Yangtze last year where they had been operated for several years after purchase from Hongkong during the days of the War.

BISHOPS AT CANTON.

At the Monday's session of the General Synod of the Church of China (Chung Hua, Sheng Kung Hui) the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—
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PIRACY LAWS.

TIENTSIN PAPER'S COMMENT.

PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT.

Commenting on the piracy correspondence between the China Coast Guards and the Hongkong Government, the *Peking and Tientsin Times* observes:—
"The crux of the difference, we are told, is in the fact that the regulations insist that officers shall 'resist to the uttermost,' while the owners make no provision for the dependants of those killed. The officers demand the acceptance of the principle of non-resistance, on board the ships. It is of course a very extraordinary proposal. But nobody will do the officers the injustice of thinking for an instant that they were guided in so drastic a demand by cowardice. They have simply lost faith in the system of armed guards. They have seen it fail with monotonous consistency. There is scarcely one single case, among all the numerous prizes during the past 18 months, in which the system has even operated, let alone succeeded. It has failed absolutely. Of that there can be no question whatsoever, and therefore on the grounds of impracticability alone the officers can urge their point most forcefully. The armed guard system was and is, apparently, the last resource of defense against pirates 'once they have managed to get aboard.' The officers are unquestionably correct in placing the fullest reliance upon the work of prevention, and punishment. In this respect they were supported by the Association of British Chambers, which, at the recent conference in Shanghai, passed resolutions calling for punitive measures against the pirates by His Majesty's Navy in the locality where they land, the extension of Naval patrols in waters where pirates most frequently occur, and the equipment of even the smallest gunboats with wireless. The pirates have learned that once they can board a ship they can loot and kill with impunity. If punitive measures were taken against the pirates' nests in Blas Bay and elsewhere, preferably with the co-operation of the Chinese military in control of the area, or without it if it is refused, these outrages would become far less frequent. It is upon these two measures that shipping and the travelling public must chiefly rely. But if the officers' demands regarding ship's armament are untenable, their demand for compensation in the event of death or injury at the hands of the pirates ought not to be contested for a moment. It is the least they are entitled to, whether they are injured or killed in conducting an organised defence, or are shot at the whim of a playful pirate."

Rotterdam, March 17.—An unauthorised strike led by extremist agitators broke out in the harbour and spread quickly. No steamers could be discharged on Monday.—*Reuter.*

Tokyo, March 18.—A special message to the "Asahi" from Vladivostok reports that Captain Matsui of the Japanese General Staff and others who were imprisoned some weeks ago, have been released owing to insufficiency of evidence. It is expected that all will be deported.—*Reuter.*

Paris, March 17.—The Senate adopted by 216 votes to 69, thirty Articles of the Finance Bill, among which were taxation of stocks and dividends, through a rigid control of coupon books. The Government was not faced with a want of confidence, motion, and a number of Senators having desired to show spontaneously their confidence in M. Poincare.—*Havas' News Agency.*

Berlin, March 17.—The Supreme Court at Leipzig sentenced a Swiss cinema manager named Bienz to eleven years' penal servitude for espionage on behalf of France. Three German accomplices, two soldiers and one woman, were sentenced respectively to thirteen years, two and a half years and two years' imprisonment. It is alleged that Bienz acted under orders from a French Captain named Darnont, who, it is alleged, is head of the present French espionage service at Bale. He is to be tried at Leipzig on March 20. The French authorities in the occupied region are holding two prominent Germans as hostages for Captain Darnont.—*Reuter.*

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The B. P. s.s. "Mentor" arrived at London on Mar. 8.
The P. & O. s.s. "Kashgar" arrived at London on Mar. 17 at 9 a.m.
The B. I. s.s. "Tahiti" left Singapore for this port on Mar. 15 and is due here tomorrow at about 6 p.m.
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Open Singles.—S. H. Ismail and O. Rumjahn 6-2, 8-6, 4-6, 1-6 (abandoned owing to darkness, match to be replayed.) H. D. Rumjahn beat S. Fujita 2-6, 4-6, 6-0, 6-1, 6-1.
Handicap Doubles.—H. Owen Hughes and G. R. More (+15) beat A. Brerley and R. M. Henderson 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.
Handicap Singles A.—B. D. Evans (+2/6) beat L. Forster (-3/6), 6-4, 6-6, 6-2; G. W. Sewell (-3/6) beat C. F. Bensley (+15/2), 6-2, 6-3.

Open Singles Championship.—H. Krebs v. T. Houda.
Club Championship.—A. B. Raworth v. G. W. Sewell; R. M. Henderson v. W. B. Cornaby.

Open Doubles.—M. K. and M. W. Lo v. Yew Man-tsun and Yew Man-ki; R. Hancock and R. J. Saunders v. A. H. and S. A. Rumjahn.

Mixed Doubles.—Mr. and Mrs. Phillips (+15/3) v. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer (+15).

Handicap Singles "B"—J. T. Smalley (+3/6) v. C. D. Armstrong (+1/6); C. R. Baron (+1/6) v. O. H. Penn (+1/6).

Delhi, March 17.—The Viceroy returned the Finance Bill to the Legislative Assembly with a recommendation to pass it with a salt tax of one rupee, four annas. Other minor changes were recommended. Sir B. P. Blackett (Minister of Finance) introduced and recommended the Bill to the Assembly. "Pundit Moti Lal Nehru" opposed the Bill on the ground that the manner in which it had been introduced was an affront to the House. He said he intended no insult or discourtesy to the Viceroy, but he judged that the elected members had been taken by surprise, and appealed to the Assembly to preserve the dignity of the House and to vote against the Bill. The Bill was thrown out without a division, amidst Swarajist applause. The Bill will go to the Council of State tomorrow for discussion on Saturday, when it is confidently expected that it will be passed and then become law.—*Reuter.*

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STOWING AWAY.

FRENCH-CANADIAN JAILED.

Henri La Bois, a French Canadian, who is said to have served four years with the French-Canadian army in France and was described Mr. T. G. Bennett as having "apparently made his passage round the world by stowing away" was sentenced to one month's hard labour by Mr. J. R. Wood this morning for stowing away on the Blue Funnel "Machon" from Singapore. Mr. Bennett prosecuted on behalf of the company. He said that two hours after defendant went on deck, and admitted that he had concealed himself in the coal-bunkers. On being questioned, he confessed to stowing away from Australia to Singapore. Mr. Bennett also stated that the company viewed the case as serious and asked His Worship to imagine the chaos on board the "Machon" when she left Singapore with 250 emigrants and the same number to see them off. He was instructed to ask for a heavy penalty.

Defendant replied that he left Canada in 1915 and was discharged from active service four years later in France. Instead of returning to Canada he went to Australia to seek work, but Australia was not good at the moment.

Answering His Worship, he said that he was a cook but had no papers. His Worship asked Sergeant Doring what was to be done with defendant when he came out of jail and the sergeant suggested that he should work his passage home.

When pronouncing sentence His Worship instructed Sergeant Doring to look after defendant on his discharge from prison.

Rotterdam, March 17.—An unauthorised strike led by extremist agitators broke out in the harbour and spread quickly. No steamers could be discharged on Monday.—*Reuter.*

Tokyo, March 18.—A special message to the "Asahi" from Vladivostok reports that Captain Matsui of the Japanese General Staff and others who were imprisoned some weeks ago, have been released owing to insufficiency of evidence. It is expected that all will be deported.—*Reuter.*

Berlin, March 17.—The Supreme Court at Leipzig sentenced a Swiss cinema manager named Bienz to eleven years' penal servitude for espionage on behalf of France. Three German accomplices, two soldiers and one woman, were sentenced respectively to thirteen years, two and a half years and two years' imprisonment. It is alleged that Bienz acted under orders from a French Captain named Darnont, who, it is alleged, is head of the present French espionage service at Bale. He is to be tried at Leipzig on March 20. The French authorities in the occupied region are holding two prominent Germans as hostages for Captain Darnont.—*Reuter.*

Open Singles.—S. H. Ismail and O. Rumjahn 6-2, 8-6, 4-6, 1-6 (abandoned owing to darkness, match to be replayed.) H. D. Rumjahn beat S. Fujita 2-6, 4-6, 6-0, 6-1, 6-1.
Handicap Doubles.—H. Owen Hughes and G. R. More (+15) beat A. Brerley and R. M. Henderson 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.
Handicap Singles A.—B. D. Evans (+2/6) beat L. Forster (-3/6), 6-4, 6-6, 6-2; G. W. Sewell (-3/6) beat C. F. Bensley (+15/2), 6-2, 6-3.

Open Singles Championship.—H. Krebs v. T. Houda.
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Delhi, March 17.—The Viceroy returned the Finance Bill to the Legislative Assembly with a recommendation to pass it with a salt tax of one rupee, four annas. Other minor changes were recommended. Sir B. P. Blackett (Minister of Finance) introduced and recommended the Bill to the Assembly. "Pundit Moti Lal Nehru" opposed the Bill on the ground that the manner in which it had been introduced was an affront to the House. He said he intended no insult or discourtesy to the Viceroy, but he judged that the elected members had been taken by surprise, and appealed to the Assembly to preserve the dignity of the House and to vote against the Bill. The Bill was thrown out without a division, amidst Swarajist applause. The Bill will go to the Council of State tomorrow for discussion on Saturday, when it is confidently expected that it will be passed and then become law.—*Reuter.*

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The inquiry was at this stage adjourned to next Thursday at 2.15 p.m. when it will be resumed at the magistracy. In the meantime the jury have been given an opportunity of examining the grilles and the general disposition of the ship.

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CRICKET NOTES.

WEEKLY COMMENT AND
STATISTICS.

It looks as if the clubs in the second division of the league are trying to get their back fixtures played off before the hot weather sets in or tennis gets the upper hand. A few have only one or two more league games but the Navy 2nd XI will have to hurry up a bit. Through the Chinese R.C. scratching their match with the R.G.A., both teams have completed their programme. I am told that the C.R.C. have also cancelled their remaining friendlies owing to difficulty in raising a team.

Bottom position in the first division is therefore occupied by the C.R.C. and the R.G.A. share seventh place with Kowloon who have a win in hand.

By winning two matches, the Varsity juniors have obtained third place in the second league. Civil Service 2nd XI, second for the season, move down to the fourth position, with the Medicals and the Club 2nd XI close at hand.

In defeating the R.A.M.C. and the Navy second string, the University men got their revenge as they lost the first matches earlier in the season, to both teams. The Varsity second eleven is much improved, and as it comprises the majority of those who have turned out regularly since

last October, this is a cause for congratulation. Their victory over the Navy eleven—the first league reverse for the latter—is a distinct feather in their cap.

Because of this check the Naval representatives will have to be in their best form for the remaining matches. To be on the safe side they must not drop more than four points in the six matches.

The R.E.'s have to play the return matches with the H.K.C.C. and Kowloon second elevens, both of whom they beat by 30 odd runs last year. With quite a good team, the club juniors were dismissed for 68 at Happy Valley on December 15 and they will be keen to reverse the decision when they meet again.

Strengthened by the return of H.D. Rummah and some new blood, L.R.C. 2nd XI beat Civil Service 2nd. Honours are even as the latter won at home on November 17. The Civil Service juniors won four and drew two of their first seven league matches. Of their last eight, they have only won two and drawn one. As holders of the junior championship, the I.R.C. have not won two matches in succession, and their record is disappointing.

Kowloon 2nd XI had plenty of leather hunting on Saturday when the club 2nd put on the biggest league total of the season. From what I am told, Kowloon were all out at about half past three, and the match was won before half past four. Even then the club batsmen would take little or no risk and some of them played as if every run was sorely needed to

win the game. It is admitted that some good batting was seen but piling on runs after the decision had been settled, rather detracts from the value of the big figures.

Although first places in both the batting and bowling averages of the second league are not involved, this week has seen a "musical chairs" movement in the junior statistics. Fraser (Kowloon), falls a few runs short of inclusion in the batting list, Petheram's average for 25 wickets is just over 12 and Laing has not bowled in half the Varsity games. A good many players just fall short of an average of 20 for batting although they have respectable aggregates. A striking co-incidence is noticeable in the University junior bowling figures. J. L. Youngs and C. W. Lam have taken 31 wickets apiece, for almost identical figures, and both have an average of a fraction over 12 per wicket. Youngs bowled in all 14 matches and Lam in 12.

I cannot refrain from remarking on the consistent performances of captain Walker of the R.A.M.C. He uses his height to great advantage and besides being the backbone of the sporting Medical team is one of the best all-rounders in local military cricket. In 12 innings his highest score has been 48 yet without a single "not out" he has an average of exactly 24. His detailed scores are 4, 21, 35, (H.K.C.C.), 44 (I.R.C.), 28, 22, 0, 26, 14, 48 (R.C.), 14, and 32 (C.R.C.). He also bowled in all twelve matches to date and has taken at least a wicket in every one. Altogether he has collected 50 scalps and is likely to beat Sara and Jacob for the highest number of wickets. On four occasions he took 6 wickets—5 in three others and 4 once. Truly an excellent record.

Last season when the first league teams played the same number of matches as in the present and there were only six teams in the second league (meaning ten matches for each team) drew up a "special" list of those who had scored more than 200 runs and taken 20 wickets in league matches. This was based on the common definitions of 1,000 runs or 100 wickets in first-class cricket at home where the average player gets about 40 innings in a season.

The basis on which I take the liberty of drawing up similar lists for this season is 200 runs and 20 wickets for the first league and 400 and 40, respectively, for the second.

So far nobody has accomplished the "double feat" and it does not appear as if anybody will unless it be Captain Walker. If my memory is correct, Owen Hughes and A. A. Rummah (senior) and H. D. Rummah (junior) accomplished the double last year.

To date the "special" aggregates are:

First League (batting):—A. A. Rummah 320, O. Ismail 237, G. R. More 210, G. R. Sayer 209.
First League (bowling):—A. el Arcull 26, E. G. Lammert 24, H. N. Balhetchet 20.
Second League (batting):—C. Sara, 53, Captain Walker 50, O. M. S. Jacob 46.
Centuries have been compiled by:—A. A. Claxton (H.K.C.C. 1st XI) 106, G. R. Sayer (C.S.C.C. 1st XI) 107, A. A. Rummah (Varsity 1st XI) 110, A. K. Mackenzie (H.K.C.C. 2nd XI) 106, Lt. Harris (Navy 2nd XI) 131 and Major Gandy (R.E.) 108.

There are a few peculiarities about the record of the Indian R.C., who have completed their league programme. They started very early and played off five of their eight matches by November 24. In all five victories, their opponents batted first, and when stumps were drawn, they always had a number of wickets in hand. To round off the co-incidence, they batted first in the three matches which they did not win.

On paper their record looks formidable as they scored 1,178 runs against 830, the averages 20.31 and 11.37. Examined in detail, they only beat the Navy of the stronger combinations. They lost (at home) to the Varsity and played a creditable draw with Civil Service. Early in the season, they knocked out 99 on the club ground and when stumps were drawn the H.K.C.C. had the same number with the last man batting.

Their biggest score was one of 203 for 8 wickets against Craighengower and the smallest 96 for 6 against the Navy. They also made 192 for 6 (R.G.A.) and 191 for 9 declared (Civil Service). Against them the biggest innings was 150 for 6 by Civil Service and the smallest 50 by the R.G.A.

O. Ismail contributed the most runs. Other scorers were S. H. Ismail 183, A. H. Madar 158, J. S. Curreen 157, A. H. Rummah 113 and A. el Arcull 71. None of the remainder totalled 40.

One of the strong features of the team was the regularity with which the best players turned out. Fourteen men represented them in the eight games, and of these, one played in three matches and two others in one.

The four bowlers whose names appear in the averages, shared the brunt of the attack; four others sent down 24 overs between them. Scores of 50 or more were made by:

A. H. Rummah 62, S. H. Ismail 50, A. H. Madar 52 and J. S. Curreen 81.
O. Ismail's total is made up of 39, 18, 33, 36, 38, 0, 44 and 29.
Omar and A. el Arcull took wickets in every match in which they bowled.

BATTING.

FIRST DIVISION.

	No. of Innings	Runs	Wickets	Average
Paillard (N.)	6	86	188	47.00
Purcell (N.)	5	72	186	45.50
Pearce (H.K.)	5	94	198	46.00
Owen Hughes (H.K.)	5	61	128	42.66
de Rome (C.S.)	5	97	169	41.75
A. A. Rummah (U)	5	110	320	41.12
J. S. Curreen (U)	5	81	157	39.25
More (H.K.)	5	97	210	35.00
O. Ismail (U)	5	44	237	33.86
Quick (U)	5	68	192	32.00
Roffey (U)	5	37	123	30.75
Sayer (C.S.)	5	107	209	29.85
Wood (C.S.)	5	45	171	28.50
Bradbury (Craig)	5	41	142	28.40
A. H. Madar (U)	5	52	158	26.33
Balhetseth (U)	5	74	179	24.29
A. el Arcull (U)	5	34	71	23.66
Ponsonby (U)	5	45	92	23.00
Fane (U)	5	50	183	22.87
S. H. Ismail (U)	5	31	89	22.25
Robinson (K)	5	43	111	22.20
B. D. Evans (C.S.)	5	30	64	21.33
E. G. Lammert (H.K.)	5	58	72	20.50

SECOND DIVISION.

	No. of Innings	Runs	Wickets	Average
H. D. Rummah (U)	9	72	248	35.43
Gandy (R.E.)	13	108	349	29.08
Harris (N)	10	131	226	28.25
Hagen (H.K.)	11	47	232	25.78
O. Rummah (U)	11	67	225	25.00
Piercy (H.K.)	10	56	199	24.87
Harper (C.S.)	14	60	322	24.77
W. A. L. (R.A.M.C.)	12	48	288	24.00
Reid (H.K.)	8	65	165	23.57
Nash (R.A.M.C.)	10	59	205	22.78
Percy (R.A.M.C.)	12	70	225	22.50
D. Rummah (U)	10	50	174	21.75

BOWLING.

FIRST DIVISION.

	Wickets	Average
Webster (H.K.)	12	5.75
E. G. Lammert (H.K.)	24	5.96
Bowler (H.K.)	14	7.14
Sayer (C.S.)	11	7.73
Bird (C.S.)	17	8.53
Gould (N)	12	8.92
B. D. Evans (C.S.)	12	9.00
A. el Arcull (U)	12	9.50
A. H. Madar (U)	13	9.85
Balhetseth (U)	10	10.40
Omar (U)	17	10.47
F. M. el Arcull (U)	9	10.89
Quick (U)	16	11.12
Pomfret (N)	15	11.60
A. A. Rummah (U)	19	11.89
Brown (K)	11	6.45
Percy (R.A.M.C.)	24	6.83
Walker (R.A.M.C.)	20	7.28
Jacob (R.E.)	26	7.48
Isaac (N)	26	8.48
Reid (H.K.)	21	9.57
Overy (K)	23	10.83
A. R. F. Raven (K)	14	11.00
Sara (C.S.)	53	11.13
Sirdar Khan (U)	22	11.55
Hagen (H.K.)	12	11.67
Hooppell (N)	11	11.91

LEAGUE TABLE.

FIRST DIVISION.

	P	W	L	D	P.
H.K.C.C.	7	6	0	1	19
University	8	6	1	1	19
Indian R.C.	8	5	1	2	17
Civil Service	8	4	3	1	13
Navy	7	3	3	1	10
Kowloon C.C.	7	2	4	1	7
R.G.A.	7	2	5	1	7
Craighengower	7	1	5	1	4
Chinese R.C.	8	0	7	1	1

SECOND DIVISION.

	P	W	L	D	P.
Royal Engineers	14	10	1	3	33
Navy 2nd	10	8	1	1	25
University 2nd	14	7	5	2	23
Civil Service 2nd	15	6	7	2	20
R.A.M.C.	12	6	5	1	19
H.K.C.C. 2nd	13	5	4	4	10
Indians 2nd	12	4	5	3	15
Kowloon 2nd	12	2	8	2	8
Chinese 2nd	14	0	12	2	2

League Records This Season.
Highest Individual Score: 1st division, A. A. Rummah (University) 110; 2nd division, Lt. Harris (Navy) 131 not out.

Most wickets in an innings: 1st division, Sayer (Civil Service) 7 wickets for 23 runs in 9.1 overs (1 maiden); Quick (University) 7 wickets for 23 runs in 12 overs (4 maidens); Bird (Civil Service) 7 wickets for 57 runs in 13 overs (4 maidens); Rough (R.G.A.) 7 wickets for 49 runs in 14.1 overs (2 maidens); Gould (Navy) 7 wickets for 19 runs in 6.5 overs and B.D. Evans (Civil Service) 7 wickets for 11 runs in 6.2 overs (2 maidens); 2nd division, Sara (Civil Service) 8 wickets for 35 runs in 11.3 overs; Laing (University) 8 wickets for 25 runs in 15.5 overs (7 maidens) and Young (H.K.C.C.) 8 wickets for 12 runs in 10 overs (3 maidens).
Biggest Aggregate: 1st division, A. A. Rummah (University) 320;

2nd division Gandy (R.E.) 349 runs.
Most wickets to date: 1st division, A. el Arcull (Indians) 26; 2nd division, Sara (Civil Service) 53.
Biggest Innings to date: 1st division, H.K.C.C. 221 for 3 (declared) against Craighengower; 2nd division, H.K.C.C. 2nd XI 248 for 9 wickets against H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.
Smallest Innings to date: 1st division, R.G.A. 33 against Navy; 2nd division, C.R.C. 32 against R.E. and Kowloon 2nd XI 32 against R.E.

With a galaxy of cricket talent, it is to be sincerely regretted that we have had to decline Singapore's invitation to send a team down. Still, hopes are entertained that a match will be played next autumn. Meanwhile there is little to be done beyond waiting for Shanghai to come down for another fight for "the ashes" which were brought back last spring.
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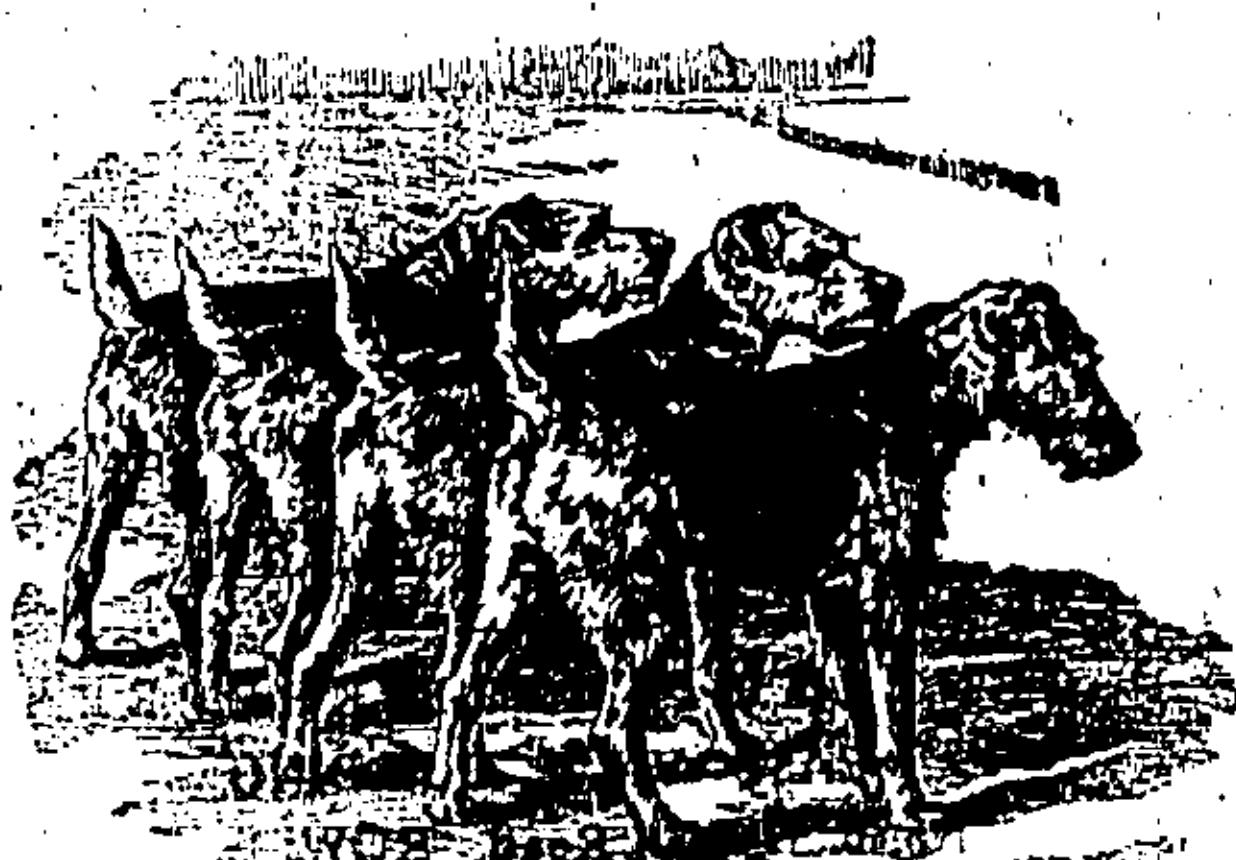
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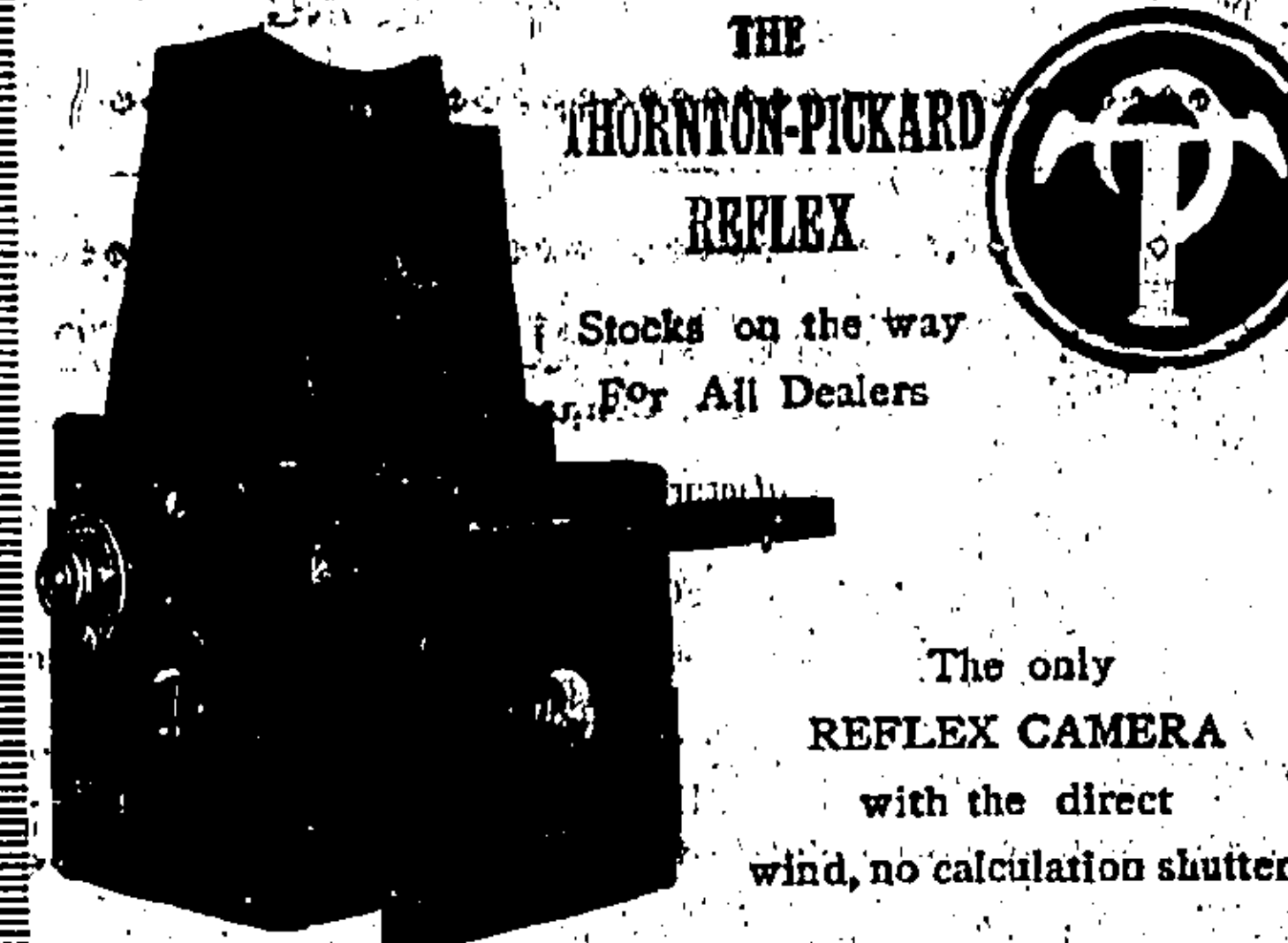
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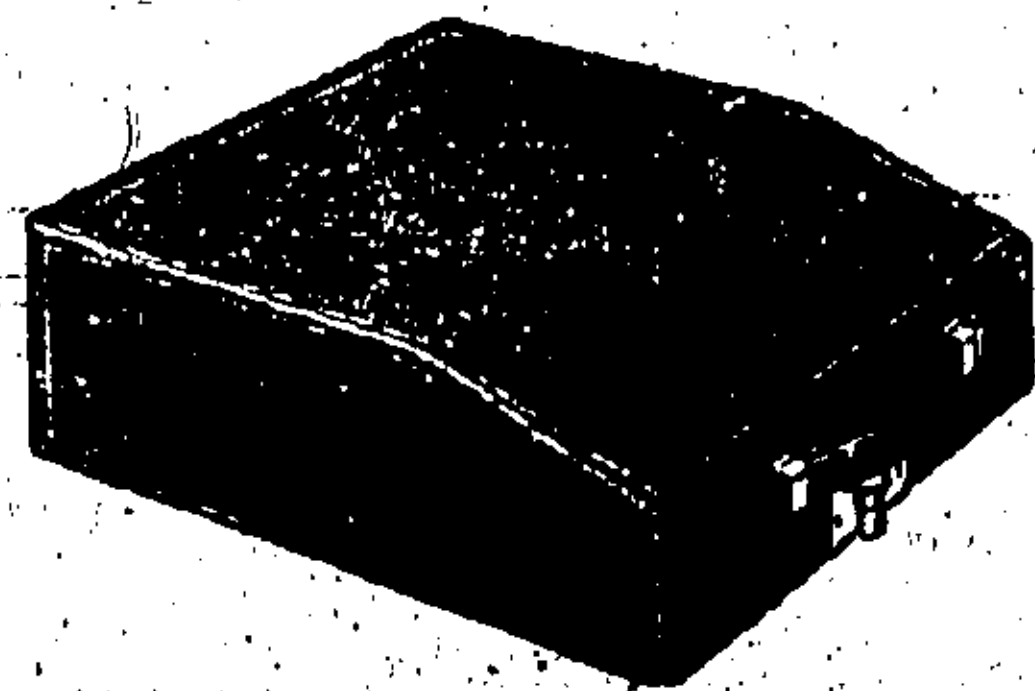
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